Fleet replacement programme of AI and IA

1577. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India/Indian Airlines have started their fleet replacement and expansion programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the airbus replaced/leased out so far and those proposed to be replaced and leased out under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Air India and Air India Charters Limited (AICL), a subsidiary of Air India, have submitted the following projects for approval of the Government:

AIR INDIA & AIR INDIA CHARTERS LIMITED:

(i) 18 B-737-800W aircraft for AICL.

(ii) 50 long range aircraft consisting of a mix of B 777-200 LR, B777-300ER and B787-8 for Air India.

The project envisages replacement of all the A310-300 aircraft owned and leased except 2 younger A310-300 owned aircraft which are planned to be converted to freighters.

INDIAN AIRLINES

Indian Airlines have submitted a Project Report for acquisition of 43 aircraft comprising of A-319, A-320 and A-321. The project envisages replacement of the existing fleet of A-300 and leased A-320 aircrafts.

NOC to PIO for operation of air services

1578. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of transparency with regard to investment by Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) in Air Transport Service sector;